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## Eshelbrenner, Albert H., Collection, MS 145

### Albert H. Eshelbrenner Collection

<b>Collection Number</b>	MS 145
<b>Title</b>	The Albert H. Eshelbrenner Collection
<b>Name and Location of Repository</b>	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
<b>Dates</b>	1939 - 2007
<b>Collection Size</b>	2.5 linear feet
<b>Creator</b>	Albert H. Eshelbrenner, Sr. The materials were donated to the Special Collections by Albert Eshelbrenner Jr., in 2013.
<b>Scope and Content</b>	<p>This collection focuses on Albert H. Eshelbrenner, of Fort Scott, Kansas, and his brother-in-law, Francis H. Pirnat, of Frontenac, Kansas. Albert H. Eshelbrenner served in the military during World War II, as did several of his brothers and brother-in-laws, including Pirnat. This collection contains correspondence, genealogical information, publications, maps, templets, advertisements, clippings, music, and photographs.</p>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	This collection is open for access
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Biographical Note</b>	<p>Albert H. Eshelbrenner was born in 1919 in Fort Scott, Kansas, to Carl William and Sophia Eshelbrenner. He was drafted into the 5<sup>th</sup> Army Air Corps on Apr. 13, 1943, and trained at Shepard Air Field, near Wichita Falls, Texas. After his discharge, he operated the Fort Scott Packaging Company with his father and his two brothers, Jack and Billy. He was married to Mildred Pirnat.</p> <p>Francis H. "Bud" Pirnat was born on July 25, 1923 in Frontenac, Kansas, to Frank and Julia (Makovitz) Pirnat. He had three sister, Nadine, Mildred, and Wilma. He lived his entire life in Frontenac, graduating from Frontenac High School in 1941. He was a veteran of World War II serving his country in the United States Army 8<sup>th</sup> Air Corps, 490<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (H), 851<sup>st</sup> Bomb Squadron. He served in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland Campaigns. In addition to his numerous citations, he was the recipient of the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with 4 bronze battle stars. He worked for McNally's Manufacturing in the Foundry Division for nearly 35 years retiring in 1983. Pirnat was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frontenac and a lifelong member of the Frontenac American Legion. Pirnat died on March 14, 2015.</p>
<b>Series</b>	<p>This collection is broken down into two main series: <u>Eshelbrenner</u> and <u>Pirnat</u>. Each series is further broken down into sub-series. Eshelbrenner's series is mainly about the history of Fort Scott, and genealogical matters. Pirnat's series is mainly about his service in the war. There are eight sub-series in Series 1: <b>Genealogy</b>,</p>

**War Ration Book, Publications, Maps, Templets, Advertisements, Photographs, and Clippings.** There are nine sub-series in Series 2: **Correspondence, Education, 490<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, Publications, Programs, Music, Photographs, Memorabilia, and Clippings.**

**Series 1: Albert H. Eshelbrenner**

The **Genealogy** sub-series contains information about genealogy organizations in Fort Scott and how the census can be used to obtain genealogical information.

The **War Ration Book** sub-series consists of two war ration books for Mildred Pirnat.

The **Publications** sub-series contains Clifford H Lyman's book of Fort Scott history, *Aaahh Bourbon, 1842-1865*. There are also two chapters of the serial "The Strange Mist: A Jimmie Allen Air Adventure." There are miscellaneous publications on conservation programs, attractions in St. Louis, a catalogue for a camera company, a guide on swimming and safety, and a children's encyclopedia.

The **Maps** sub-series includes maps of the United States, a world atlas, and an 1884 reprinted map of Fort Scott.

The **Templet** sub-series contains templets for fixing different brands of cars. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Advertisement** sub-series consists of ads and programs for items created by Chemcraft and Sciencecraft, companies designed to create science equipment and experiments for children.

The **Photographs** sub-series includes reprints of paintings of Simpson Harbor on Nov. 2, 1943, and B-25s.

The **Clippings** sub-series contains newspaper clippings about World War II, the life of Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Fort Scott history.

**Series 2: Francis H. Pirnat:**

The **Correspondence** sub-series contains memorandums about the Army Air Corps and Pirnat's record during his active duty. This series is arranged chronologically, with undated materials at the back.

The **Education** sub-series consists of Pirnat's classwork and materials to be a pilot in the Army Air Corps.

The **490<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group** sub-series includes newsletters and directories. The newsletters are from 2008, and the directories are of active members of the 490<sup>th</sup> bomb group.

The **Publications** sub-series contains pamphlets about airbases and aircrafts used in World War II. There are also maps with information about the London metro station, and the insignia of the Armed forces of the United States of America.

The **Programs** sub-series includes three programs for events in 1992. The first is a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary program of World War II, to be held on that year's Memorial Day. The second is of the 490<sup>th</sup> bomb group's visit to an airfield. The third is of the Duxfor Aeroplane Museum, which was holding several events in light of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War II.

The **Music** sub-series consists of three beginner's music books for cello, bass, and trombone. There is also a few pieces of sheet music.

The **Photographs** sub-series contains photographs of aircraft used in World War II and several pictures of a trip that Pirnat took, likely with other member of the 490<sup>th</sup> bomb group. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Memorabilia** sub-series consists of population information for Frontenac, Kansas.

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The **Clippings** sub-series includes clippings about World War II. Most of the clippings are from an airbase in London and date to 1944 and 1945. This series is arranged chronologically.

### **Folder List**

#### **Series 1; Albert H. Eshelbrenner**

##### **Box 1**

##### Genealogy

- f. 1 Materials about Genealogy and Census Information  
Pamphlets for Genealogy societies

##### War Ration Book

- f. 2 For Mildred A. Pirnat and Albert H. Eshelbrenner

##### Publications

- v. 1 Lyman, Clifford H. *Aaahh Bourbon, 1842-1865*. Clifford Lyman. 1984.
- f. 3 Chapters 3 and 6 of the serial, "The Strange Mist: A Jimmie Allen Air Adventure," published in 1934.
- f. 4 1936 Brief over an Agricultural Conservation Program  
Program for St. Louis attractions (1944)  
Catalogue for Central Camera Company and Hawk-Eye Junior camera  
Pamphlet on Swimming and Life Saving  
Children's Encyclopedia

##### Maps

- f. 5 Map of the United States and Insignia of the Armed Forces  
Furlough Map of the United States  
Pocket World Atlas  
1884 map of Fort Scott

##### Templets

- f. 6 Templets for putting together different brands of cars, (1939-1942)

##### Advertisements

- f. 7 Multiple advertisements for Chemcraft and Sciencecraft

##### Photographs

- f. 8 Painting of Simpson Harbor on Nov. 2, 1943  
Paintings of B-25s

##### Clippings

- f. 9 1941 – 1945
- f. 10 1969 – circa 1969
- f. 11 1971 – 1975
- f. 12 1976
- f. 13 1982 – 1993
- f. 14 Undated

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### **Series 2: Francis H. Pirnat**

Box 2

#### Correspondence

f. 1 1943 – 1945; Undated

#### Education

- v. 1 Pirnat's classwork to be in Army Air Corps 490<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group
- v. 2 Lightner, Lawrence S. and Frederick R. Holland. *The Informal History of the 490<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group*.
- f. 2 Newsletters (2008)
- f. 3 490<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association Membership Directory (1995-2007)

#### Publications

- f. 4 Pamphlets about Airbases and Aircraft  
Pamphlet about Metro Stations in London and Insignia of the Armed Forces

#### Programs

- f. 5 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of when the United States entered World War II (1992)  
490<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Return Visit to Airfield (1992)  
Duxford Aeroplane Museum (1992)

#### Music

- f. 6 Beginner Books for Cello and Bass, and Trombone  
Sheet Music

#### Photographs

- f. 7 Photographs of aircraft used in World War II
- f. 8 Photographs from a trip

#### Memorabilia

- f. 9 Population Information over Frontenac, Kansas

#### Clippings

- f. 10 1944 – 1991